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It is unconscionable to allow Microsoft's remedy in the government's anti-trust case against it to be applied to ONLY COMMERCIAL interests.

To specifically exclude Open Source, Not-for-Profit, and other "freeware" products/vendors/organizations from consideration of any kind reveals the basis of the proposed "solution" to be an unbelievably perverted view of the state of the computer industry, today.

Microsoft exists because it has trashed every competitor that rose their head above the crowd. What will Microsoft get away with, regarding Apache, Pearl, Linux, DAV, LDAP, FreeBSD, WAP, HTML, XML, CORBA,... (the list goes on) if this proposed "settlement" goes through as is? I believe I have the answer - "Embrace, extend,... extinguish."

To coin a phrase "You ARE the weakest settlement... goodbye!"

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